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[redacted] when [redacted] ship put into Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) from the sea, two pile drivers were engaged in driving piles into the embankment on the stretch between a point about 50 meters north of the entrance to the shipyard basin and a point a little upstream from the old pilot station on the starboard-hand side of the incoming ship. Earth work was going on at the bank at the rear, about 50 workers being engaged in the operation. The Polish pilot stated that a new pier for Polish warships was under construction there. No vessels were seen in the shipyard basin.

25X1C 2. Soviet warships [redacted] were berthed just north of the entrance to the Oster-nothafen shipyard basin, each having one gun of 70 to 80-mm caliber on the foredeck, two very heavy machine guns or AA guns of 20-mm caliber with rather long barrels on the bridge and two unidentified tarpaulin-covered items on the fantail. Soviet warship [redacted] which was on the west side opposite the shipyard basin, had a sickle-shaped radar scanner at the foremast. [redacted] and two other M-type minesweepers, painted gray were berthed a little more southward about opposite the ferry landing stage. Some PT boats with unidentified markings were in Osternothafen.

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3. A number of low wooden buildings, some of which were masked by shrubs and trees, were on the west bank downstream from and at the Kaiserfahrt. A few sentries patrolled the area in which were dumped about 400 and 500 small buoys.

4. A watchtower was on the western bank near Ziegenort. Some low buildings and, on the north tip of the wall, a canvas-covered searchlight were on the training wall opposite Ziegenort. Ten to twelve soldiers in khaki uniforms were near the searchlight. Source believed that they were Soviets. The upper part of a wooden watchtower with a searchlight atop near Siebort was glazed(sic). Other high watchtowers were opposite Kratzwiek just north of Odermuende between the waterways branching to Poelitz. Small watchtowers, about 75 to 100 meters apart, were between these large towers. Some of the watchtowers were unmanned.

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5. [redacted] ship left port on the night of 12 June 1953. The channel was well lighted. [redacted] ship was flashed on by a searchlight mounted opposite Osternothafen. The Polish pilot replied to the call.

25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Since all Soviet minesweepers and motor minesweepers had been reported [redacted] since 1 April 1953, the observation of [redacted] is worth noting.

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